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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of our communities and world.

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church affirms the teachings of Jesus Christ by welcoming all of God's children regardless of race, age, gender, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, or any other factor that might separate us from each other. All are invited to join our shared journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our church.



Saturday, August 10, 2019

4:00 P.M.

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

United Methodist Church

13658 W. Meeker Blvd.

Sun City West, AZ 85375

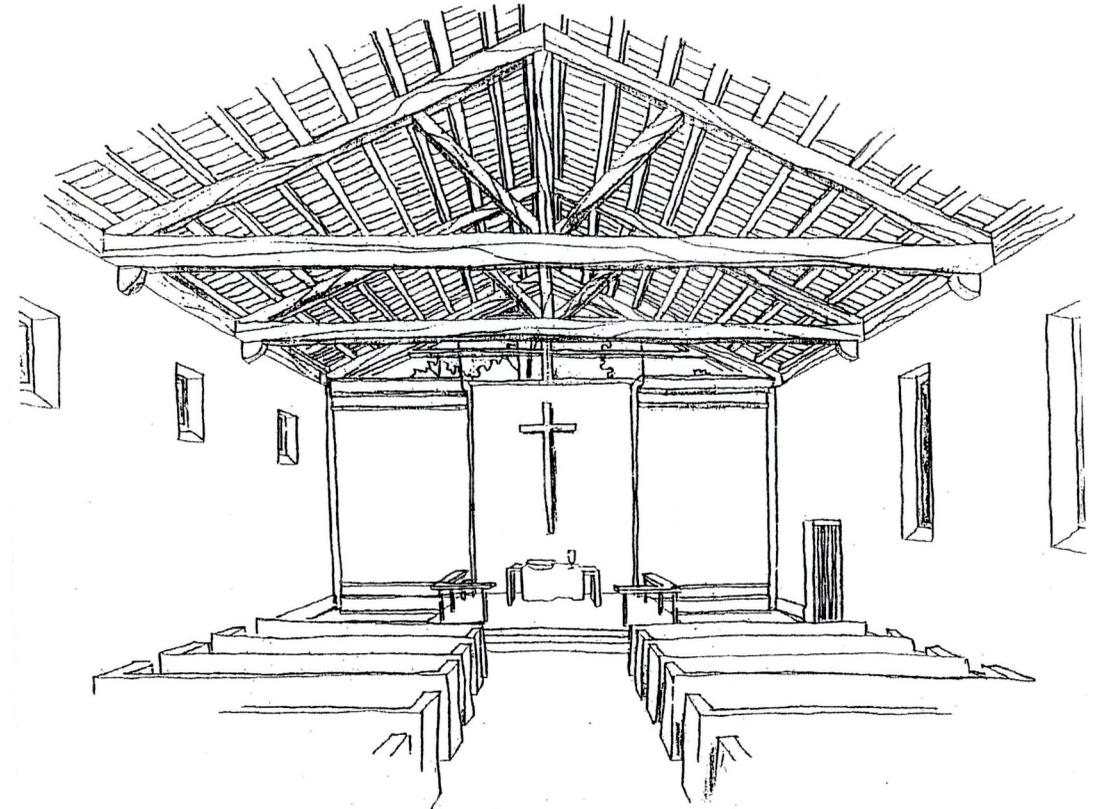
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Scripture and Prayer for the Week

"For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly."

Romans 5:6

Gracious God, help us remember that we do not have to be perfect to earn your love. Remind us that it is given even while we are weak and ungodly. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



As we worship . . . Please silence your cell phone.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates stand as you are comfortable*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Deborah Lerner

PRELUDE *"Song for the Nations"* arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER—In Unison Liturgist

God of love, we gather as your children, grateful that you love us in spite of all the ways we have failed ourselves and you. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are so easily distracted; drawn away from abundant life to things that do not matter. God of new beginnings and second chances, we need them both. Forgive us, and give us the newness of life that comes only from you. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

*HYMN SING - Your Choice! We will sing the first verse of each.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed In Unison Liturgist
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"His Eye is On the Sparrow"* Bill Moore

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 2:1-23 Liturgist

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO THE WORD

Pastor: Now let the words of my mouth

People: And the meditations of our hearts

**ALL: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord,
My rock and my redeemer. Amen.**

MESSAGE *"What a Mess!"* Rev. Deborah Lerner

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* UMH #375

PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE *"He Touched Me"* UMH #367 v 1

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* Bill Moore

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Liturgist

*THE LORD'S PRAYER - In Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *"Amazing Grace"* UMH #378

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* arr. Anthony Burger

Liturgist

Mary Giese

The Mission Candle is in memory of my husband, Alan Means. From Margie.

The red rosebud is in memory of my husband, Karol Wilbur, and my daughter-in-law, July (pronounced Julie) Wilbur. Love, Pearl Wilbur.